

**Lieutenant General Thomas Metz
Commanding General
III Corps and Fort Hood
Fort Hood, Texas**

Lieutenant General Thomas Metz assumed command of III U.S. Corps on 7 February 2003. He deployed III Corps to Iraq in January 2004 and took command of Multi-National Corps – Iraq on 15 May 2004. LTG Metz redeployed the Corps in February.

LTG Thomas Metz enlisted in the Army in June 1966. Upon graduation from West Point in June 1971, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

From March 1972 until January 1975, LTG Metz served as Platoon Leader, Assistant S-3, Scout Platoon Leader, and Combat Support Company Executive Officer with 1st Battalion, 509th Airborne Infantry, in Germany and Italy.

LTG Metz took command of Company C, 10th Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in January 1976. In June 1976 he became the Aide-de-Camp for the Commander, Readiness Region VI, at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He commanded C Company, 4-54 Infantry, 194th Armored Brigade, from June 1977 to June 1978.

LTG Metz returned to West Point in June 1981 and was an Assistant Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department until May 1984. He moved to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was the S-3 and XO of 3-7 Infantry and the S-3, 197th Separate Infantry Brigade. While at Fort Benning, he also served as a Division Chief in the Infantry School's Combat Developments Directorate from May 1986 to June 1987.

Returning to Fort Knox in June 1987, LTG Metz commanded the 4th Battalion, 15th Infantry (Mechanized), 194th Armored Brigade, until July 1989. From June 1990 until June 1992, he served as the G-3, 2d Infantry Division, Republic of Korea.

LTG Metz commanded the 2d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), from July 1992 to July 1994. He then served as the Division and Fort Riley Chief of Staff. After his tour in the 1st

Infantry Division, LTG Metz joined the Training and Doctrine Command and served as Director of the Army's Experimental Force Coordination Cell with duty in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He concluded his tour as the Assistant Division Commander for Support, 4th Infantry Division.

In February 1998, LTG Metz was assigned as the Deputy Director for Joint Warfighting Capabilities Assessment, J-8, until June 2000. LTG Metz served as Vice Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment, J-8, until November 2001.

In November 2001, LTG Metz assumed command of the 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley. During this time, LTG Metz served 4 months as the Chief of Staff, CENTCOM, during Operation Enduring Freedom from October 2002 to January 2003.

LTG Metz holds a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University and a professional engineer's license from the Commonwealth of Virginia. His military schools include Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

LTG Metz's awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, GWOT Expeditionary Medal, GWOT Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 3, Expert Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and Belgium Brevet "A" Commando.

LTG Metz is married to the former Pamela Elizabeth Redmond of Columbus, Georgia. The Metz family includes daughter Elizabeth, son-in-law Dr. John Schindler, grandson Jack, and sons Cade and Patrick